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Mail Stop Patent Application  
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventors: David Allen; Michael A. Centanni

For (title): METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS IN A FLUID

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

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The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application. Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION CLAIMED.

**3. Papers Enclosed**

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design) Application

17 Pages of Specification  
4 Pages of Claims  
9 Sheets of Drawings--Formal

- B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Pages of declaration and power of attorney  
1 Page of abstract

**4. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed and executed by the inventors.

**5. Language**

English

**6. Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to STERIS Inc. is attached. A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" is also attached. A separate FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.

**7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED											
Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00											
Number Filed				Number Extra				Rate			
Total											
Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))		21	–	20	=	1	x	\$	18.00	=	\$ 18.00
Independent											
Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))		2	–	3	=	0	x	\$	86.00	=	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)								\$	290.00	\$	0.00



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if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d))

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Filing Fee Calculation \$788.00

**8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Enclosed

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Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) (See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION".) \$40.00

**Total Fees Enclosed \$828.00**

**9. Method of Payment of Fees**

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A duplicate of this paper is attached.

**10. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), (c) or (d) (presentation of extra claims)

**11. Instructions as to Overpayment**

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**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S.  
APPLICATION CLAIMED  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

**12. Relate Back**

Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line following the title, the following sentence:

**A. 35 U.S.C. Sections 120, 121 and 365(c)**

"This application is a continuation-in-part of copending application serial number 10/389,036 filed on March 14, 2003."

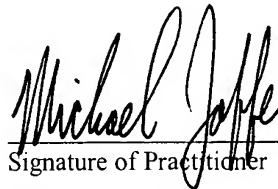
**13. Further Inventorship Statement Where Benefit of Prior Application(s) Claimed**

- (a) This application discloses and claims additional disclosure by amendment and a new declaration or oath is being filed. With respect to the prior application, the inventors in this application are more than in the prior application. The following additional inventor has been added:

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